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TAGS: PINR, PGV, PINS, AF

SUBJ: (C) CONDITION OF FORMER PRESIDENT TARAKI

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. A GENERALLY WELL-INFORMED AFGHAN SOURCE TOLD THE EMBASSY  
ON SEPTEMBER 27 THAT FORMER PRESIDENT NOOR MOHAMMAD TARAKI  
IS STILL ALIVE, BUT PARALYZED.

3. COMMENT: TARAKI IS SLOWLY FADING FROM THE AFGHAN SCENE,  
LIKE THE CHESHIRE CAT IN "ALICE IN WONDERLAND." SINCE THE  
OFFICIAL POWER-TURNOVER ANNOUNCEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 16, HIS  
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NAME HAS NOT APPEARED IN THE AFGHAN MEDIA, WHICH ARE ALL

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GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED. ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT HAFIZULLAH AMIN NOW MAKES FREQUENT REFERENCE TO THE EXCESSES OF THE PRE-SEPTEMBER 16 PAST, HE HAS NOT ELECTED THUS FAR TO CRITICIZE TARAKI SPECIFICALLY. HE PROBABLY THINKS IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO TACKLE HEAD-ON TARAKI'S RESIDUAL POPULARITY AND PRESTIGE; SINCE WHAT LITTLE THERE WAS OF TARAKI'S GREATLY EXCEEDED AMIN'S OWN PUBLIC STANDING. AMSTUTZ

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